

Alaskan offering
(inactive)
Mr. Foster
Dr. Jackman
re: Geo-albert C Schaub.

September 25, 1947

Thank you for letting me see the papers on Albert C. Schaub. He has many characteristics which would be successful in our Alaskan mission work, but there are two which are definitely against him. One is his lack of stability. His folder indicates that he has been searching in many places, and each time he makes an inquiry, this is the thing which he must do. The second thing is his physical disability in the right arm. Men with their full capacities have a rough time of it in Alaska, and I would not want to be responsible for sending anyone up there who does not have his full physical capacities.

Since indicating his desire to go to Alaska he has inquired two or three different places about service. I am not convinced that Alaska is the place for him.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Att.: Personnel file on Albert C. Schaub.

JEJ:PK

Highland Park Presbyterian Church

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388 ELMHURST AVENUE
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October 29, 1943

Board of National Missions
Department of Alaskan Work,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, 10, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

For many years I have had a continuing interest in Alaska. It is my desire someday to live and work there in the interests of my Lord. If it is possible for your office to keep me in touch with contemporary situations and changes, I should be deeply appreciative.

While taking my Seminary work at Princeton, I served for a year and a half as student-pastor of the Grand Street Chapel, a mission church of the Second Presbyterian Church, Rahway, N. J. Upon graduation from Seminary I took up work in the McBain Presbyterian Church, McBain, Michigan, partly supported with National Missions funds. From January 28, 1940 to May 15, 1942 I continued in that position. I began work in the Highland Park Presbyterian Church as assistant minister on the latter date. My associations with this church and with Dr. Gelston have been very cordial.

My interest, however, does not lie primarily in the city. I am grateful for the time spent with Dr. Gelston for it has been happy and profitable. In this position I have learned much that will be profitable in later work. But the city makes me feel confined. My interest and best understanding lie in smaller communities. I like the out-of-doors. I am at my best when the temperature is low. Furthermore, I feel that I better understand, and consequently can better help as pastor, people in non-congested areas.

Unless I am mistaken, there lies ahead a time of great expansion in Alaska. I am very much interested in seeing the Presbyterian Church enlarge its work there as opportunity affords. It would make me very happy to have a part in that outreach.

I am listing the names of some men who know me and my work and who would be glad, I am certain, to serve as references.

Sincerely yours,

Allan E. Schoff

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✓ Rev. C. W. Sidebotham
Stated Clerk, Petoskey Presbytery,
East Jordan, Michigan

✓ Mr. Mark Boyd, Elder,
McBain Presbyterian Church,
McBain, Michigan

✓ Mr. Ernest S. Marks
14075 Marlowe Avenue,
Detroit, 27, Michigan
(General Secretary, Michigan Christian Endeavor Union)

Dr. Willis Lord Gelston
~~Minister~~, Highland Park Presbyterian Church,
20 Cortland Avenue,
Highland Park 3, Michigan

November 1, 1943

Rev. Allan E. Schoff
388 Elmhurst Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan

Dear Mr. Schoff:

Thank you for your letter of October 29. We are sorry to say that it was received just a short time after Dr. Everett B. King, Secretary of the Unit of Work in Alaska, had resigned to take a church in New Mexico. No successor to Dr. King has as yet been appointed, but we will hold your letter out for the attention of the new man when the appointment comes through.

We regret that we cannot be of more help to you at this time.

Sincerely yours,

UNIT OF WORK IN ALASKA

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January 5, 1944

The Rev. Allan E. Schoff
388 Elmhurst Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan

My dear Mr. Schoff:

Since coming to the office of Sunday School Missions, I find a letter from you concerning the possibility of work in Alaska, but only now am I getting around to the point of investigating some of the possibilities for service in that field.

We would be glad to hear from you again, to know if you are still interested in this work. There is an appointment there which needs to be filled, and we are searching for the right man who would fit into that situation. The church is at Skagway. It is a needy field, and has a good manse. There is the possibility of a great amount of work to be done, which will challenge the best that is in you.

I like your evidence of interest in outdoor life at a low temperature, which would certainly be the case in Alaska during the winter. If you feel you are still interested, let me know immediately, and we shall proceed with further investigation concerning your fitness for this field.

Sincerely yours,

JEJ/mk

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

January 6, 1944

Mr. Mark Boyd
McBain
Michigan

My dear Mr. Boyd:

The Rev. Allan E. Schoff of Detroit, Michigan has applied for service under our Board in Alaska. We have an appointment there to be filled and are seeking the right man for that place. He has given us your name for reference and we would like to have from you a frank and confidential statement concerning him.

This place in Alaska is a frontier town where the minister needs to adapt himself to many different conditions. Mr. Schoff has indicated his preference for a small community in a low temperature and his willingness to adjust himself to the task before him. Any information as to his strength or weakness would be helpful. We would appreciate an early reply.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

January 6, 1944

Dr. Willis Lord Gelston
20 Cortland Avenue
Highland Park 3, Michigan

My Dear Dr. Gelston:

The Rev. Allan E. Schoff of your staff has applied for service under our Board in Alaska. We have a Church field there which needs to be filled and we are trying to find the right man for that place.

This field in Alaska is to some extent a frontier community among white people with some conditions that will challenge the best that is in a young minister. He would have to give strong leadership to the Church as well as the community in high moral and spiritual relations. We would like to have a statement from you concerning the strength as well as the weakness of Mr. Schoff's ministry with you. We would appreciate an early reply helping us make a decision in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Board of National Missions
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The Rev. C. W. Sidebotham
East Jordan
Michigan

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Unit of Work in Alaska

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Mr. J. W. McCracken
Kales Building
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Jack:

The Rev. Allan E. Schoff of the Highland Park Church has applied to us for an appointment in a Church in Alaska. We have such an appointment available and need a good man for that field. We want, however, to be sure of the person before we go to the expense of sending a man up there.

Mr. Schoff has not given us your name for a possible reference, but we would appreciate a message from you about him. Please be frank in a confidential way in telling us his strength and weakness in a strong ministry. There is no Protestant minister in this community at the present time and we need a good man for this field.

With all personal good wishes for the New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Dr. John A. Mackay
Princeton Theological Seminary
Princeton, New Jersey

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J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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The Rev. Edward H. Roberts, D.D.
Princeton Theological Seminary
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Dr. Roberts:

The Rev. Allan E. Schoff of the Highland Park Church, Detroit, Michigan has applied to us for service in Alaska. He is now Assistant Minister of the Highland Park Church and indicates his desire to fulfill a long time interest in the development in our Church program in Alaska.

Mr. Schoff has given us your name as one who knows something about his qualifications for the ministry and for this particular kind of service. We would appreciate a frank statement from you concerning the strength and weakness which we might expect from a ministry by him. This is confidential information and we need to know some intimate details before we would consider an appointment. An early reply will be appreciated.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Mr. Ernest S. Marks
14075 Marlowe Avenue
Detroit 27, Michigan

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January 7, 1944

The Rev. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary,
Unit of Work in Alaska
Board of National Missions
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, 10, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Jackman:

Thank you for your letter of January fifth in which you inquire whether I should be interested in taking up work at Skagway, Alaska. If there is a promising field for constructive work, I certainly am interested. I shall be happy to hear further from you, and to have you secure references from the men whose names I enclosed with my letter of October 29, 1943.

Sincerely yours,
Allan E. Schoff
Allan E. Schoff

Worship
JAN 11 1944

MCBAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MCBAIN, MICHIGAN

ALLAN E. SCHOFF, MINISTER
TELEPHONE 3

Reverend Mr.
Jan 10 - 1943

J. L. Jackman Secy.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman

I believe Rev Allan E. Schoff would be a splendid selection for the position which you say is vacant in Alaska. I have known his record since boyhood, and am confident he is capable of adapting himself to any circumstances that might arise. He served our church as Pastor for two years, and quickly demonstrated his capacity to assume larger responsibilities than were available here. He is thoroughly Evangelistic, Forcefull, Sound in Doctrine, and Loyal to the Congregation of our church. Therefore, I heartily recommend him, and endorse his candidacy for the position available in Alaska.

Sincerely yours
Mark Boyd Elder

young.

I consider him adaptable in his approach, but never losing sight that his goal is the presentation of Jesus Christ. He served in a small field at McBain before going to Detroit, and as yet we are unable to get the church to consider any one seriously for their pastorate, for we cannot get anyone for the church that is in the same class with Mr. Schoff. This has reference in large measure to his work as a leader and parish worker.

Mr. Schoff is his own most severe critic. I know him well enough to state that he would not be willing to accept any work if he did not believe that God could use him in it.

If you ~~will~~ appoint him I know Mr. Schoff would appreciate a good heart to heart talk with you to get your point of view for the Alaska work. Before he took up the work at McBain I talked with him frankly certain problems there. He is the type you will find to be very co-operative.

Sincerely,

C. W. Sidebotham

P.S. I have known many missionaries to Alaska, and this leads me to say that if you appoint Mr. Schoff you are taking the minimum of risk. With the growing importance of Alaska I consider him a splendid investment.

Franklin

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EAST JORDAN, MICHIGAN
C. W. SIDEBOOTHAM, PASTOR

John Allan Schöff
January 10, 1944.

JAN 12 1944

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
Board of National Missions,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Jackman:

I have received your inquiry re Rev. Allan Schöff, of Detroit, in connection with his application for work in Alaska.

I have known Mr. Schöff well since before he entered college. He has excellent background his parents being splendid church people who never falter in their work in the church.

He has fine intellect, ranking high as a student. I think he could easily find a worthy place in college work.

He is a conservative in theology (like myself) who has thought himself through to the point of view that God has created us with different temperaments and that we have fellowship and excellent teamwork and friendships with those of diverse manners of approach to the truth.

He is perfectly sincere, and as a missionary his reports should be taken at face value. It is not in him to color his work for effect.

He is a good preacher, but I think his greatest strength so far has been in parish work, in which he has been finely aided by a fine wife who is sympathetic and capable, especially with

January 11, 1944

The Rev. Allan E. Schoff
388 Elmhurst Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan

My dear Mr. Schoff:

Thank you for your letter of January seventh expressing your continued interest in work in Alaska. We need a good man at Skagway where we have a frontier town which has a variety of situations. Skagway is not a large town but is strategically located. It is the southern transcontinental for the railroad at White Horse, Canada. It is an army camp and at the present time has a protestant chaplain at the army camp who is very willing to cooperate with the pastor of the Church in a program. It has many of the evils of a frontier town and in great need of a warm christian program. The Church is in fairly good condition and it has a good manse. The manse is furnished with maple furniture. It has an electric refrigerator and oil burner. It is one of the most comfortable manses in all of our Alaskan churches. The outside grounds are undeveloped and need some work done on them in accordance with the ideas of the officers of the church and the minister who lives in the house.

The Church has agreed to a salary of \$2000 and manse. The Church paying one-half and the Board of National Missions paying the other half. As the situation develops in the community this salary should be improved upon and the Church has the possibility of a larger part of the support. It is a needy field suffering because we do not have a pastor of the Church, and we challenge the best that is in you in every way.

We are proceeding with some investigation and will hope to talk with you further about it a little later. I plan to be in Detroit on the sixth and seventh of February and certainly would hope arrangements can come to a climax at that time either about your going or not going.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

J.E.J.FK

dictated but not signed
by Mr. Jackman

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Mr J. Earl Jackson

Unit of Work in Alaska

156 Fifth Ave. N.Y. City.

Dear Mr Jackson -

In regard to Allan E. Schoff concerning whom you write let me say that we shall be sorry to lose him should he determine to go.

Mr Schoff is a young man of fine Christian background and training, graduate of Wheaton College and Princeton Seminary. He is deeply consecrated, has the making of a strong preacher, is tactful and has that asset which some ministers lack.

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namely a consecrated and capable wife who enters into his ministry with her whole heart.

In Detroit Mr Schoff has been somewhat handicapped by sickness. This is an area in which persons troubled with sinus and catarhal disturbances are apt to suffer. He tells me he never has had such difficulty before, but it has laid him up several times in the last two years.

I can recommend the Schoffs to you heartily.

Cordially

Jan. 13; 44

Willis L. Gelston

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January 13th, 1944

1109 KALES BUILDING
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dr. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman,

I'm pleased to have your letter of January 6th and especially interested in the information relative to Allan Schoff's request.

I have taken the liberty of conferring with Cy Hawkins as well, since he has known Allan's work out-state. We join in an unqualified recommendation of Allan as a prospective worker in Alaska. He has not been in any position for more than two years since he left Seminary but then I believe that local conditions indicate good reasons for the changes.

I know Margaret Schoff as well and believe her to be a fine help-mate. She is of Swedish background, I believe, with a strong religious training and a good level head. She has been very active in the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union as a state-secretary on Devotions, etc. and I believe that she would be of great help to him in the Alaskan field.

In short, it is my personal hope that you are able to assign him to the field.

Very truly,

Jade

P.S. We are very anxious to have a talk with you and Jake Long in February relative to the "arrent Township project and the future of "Sunday School Missions" in the greater Detroit area. The Superintendent's Association has petitioned the Board of Church Extension here to take over Burt McLean's work as Wartime Service and to release us for further enterprise in the Sunday School field. We need your judgement and guidance on the matter.

Will see you then! Is there any chance that you might come in a day early and could meet with us on Friday or Saturday prior to the 6th?

Hastily,

J

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Schoff out.

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DETROIT, 8, MICHIGAN

See leaders' names on reverse side

January 17, 1944

Mr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I have known Allan Schoff for five years and find him to be an able and understanding leader and pastor. He has a vital faith and his life registers consistently with it. It seems to me that he would adapt himself readily to the work which you describe. His wife is a very capable leader also so they make a fine team. Both give evidence of a fine dedication.

Mr. Schoff works ably with youth and adults and I would regret having him leave Michigan. He should be most useful in National Missions work.

Cordially yours,

L. S. Marks

General Secretary.

ESM/wa

Signed in his absence.

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PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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EDWARD HOWELL ROBERTS
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ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

Re Allan Schoff

January 19, 1944.

Reverend J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Jackman:

I am very glad to recommend to you the Reverend Allan E. Schoff of the Highland Park Church, Detroit. Mr. Schoff is a man of deep consecration, he has a fine mind and made a good record in the college and in the Seminary. He writes and delivers a good sermon. In my judgment he has the true missionary spirit and I believe that he and his wife would do good work in Alaska.

I think the only thing that I would check on particularly would be his wife's health. I am not in any position to make any statement regarding this but I know that when she was working here at Princeton she had some difficulties along this line. She was in a very difficult place that may have accounted for it. Perhaps the health of both of them should be checked over very carefully.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Edward H. Roberts

EHR:j

January 31, 1944

The Rev. Allan E. Schoff
308 Elmhurst Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan

My dear Mr. Schoff:

I am to be in Detroit this week-end with the National Missions team and would like to have the privilege of a visit with you and your wife during that time. I expect to arrive on Saturday morning and will be at the Statler Hotel where a reservation has been made for me through the office of the Presbytery.

If it is convenient for you and your wife, I would like to have you come in and have lunch with me at the Statler. If the luncheon time is out can you come in during the morning at about ten o'clock? Another matter occupies my afternoon so that the morning or luncheon time would be more convenient for me. If either of these times conflict with your program let me know and I will try to arrange another appointment with you.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:PK

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

February 11, 1944.

FEB 11 1944
reference file

The Reverend J. Earl Jackman,
Presbyterian Board of National Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, 10, New York.

My dear Mr. Jackman:

Absence from Princeton has occasioned a delay in answering your letter of January 6. I knew, however, that Dr. Roberts had written you about Mr. Allen E. Schoff. I have seen the copy of the letter which he wrote, and only wish to say that I have the very highest regard for Mr. Schoff. I can recommend him with a very great deal of confidence.

It interests me greatly to know that you have recently come into your new and very important position. I wish to assure you that I am very much interested in Alaska and the whole work of the National Board, and will do my best to inspire the very best of our students with the zeal to undertake needed and difficult tasks under the Board.

I have been particularly interested in Richard Smith, with whom I had a long conference last night. Richard has desired for a long time to go to Alaska, and I do hope that the way will open for him to go. He is a very exceptional young man, and has done a splendid piece of work at Scotts Run in West Virginia. My advice to him was that, in view of the circumstances, he continue there for the present despite his desire to go to Alaska immediately. I had the feeling that he could not honorably leave a position for which no successor was available at the moment. I do hope, however, that in the not distant future you will be able to provide him with a position in the Alaskan field. He could in that way receive an honorable discharge from his present work by giving sufficient notice of his intention.

With kind regards,

Yours very cordially,

John A. Mackay
John A. Mackay.

Independent
Methodist

February 15, 1944

The Rev. John A. Mackay, D. D.
Princeton Theological Seminary
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Mackay:

Thank you for your letter of February 11 in regard to Allen Schoff and Richard Smith. We appreciate your fine interpretation of both of these men.

We regret that it is not possible to have an appointment for Mr. Richard Smith when he is ready. We must have a man at Skagway at the earliest possible moment and I could not assure him that we would wait until June 1, 1944. Of course, if it is not possible to find another man then we would be glad to consider him as of June 1, but that is uncertain for him and for us. We have assured him that we shall keep him in mind in the future for another place there.

We appreciate your deep interest in the work of National Missions as well as Foreign. Certainly we need to have all of our church leaders aware of the necessity and importance of a strong National Missions program if we are to build a strong church and have widespread support for our foreign mission work.

Cordially yours,

J.EJ/mk

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Sunday School Missions

Dictated but not signed
by Mr. Jackman.

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

JUL 24 1944

TO Dr. Jackman
FROM H.S. Randolph
RE: Donald Schwab

DATE July 21, 1944

I understand that you have indirect word that Donald Schwab is interested in your Ketchikan field in Alaska. You may of course place your proposition before Don. However, I would greatly regret losing him from the Indian work. He is sorely needed right where he is now.

Henry
H. S. Randolph
Secretary

HSR:M

July 27, 1944

The Rev. Donald Schwab
Laguna, New Mexico

My dear Mr. Schwab:

Information has come to us that you are interested in our field in Ketchikan, Alaska. I hate to disturb a good man who is doing a good work but Dr. Randolph has given me permission to write to you and see whether or not this information is correct and whether you are serious about going to Alaska. If such is the case then we would write you more definitely about Ketchikan.

I remember you very well from our ride together to Ganado. Hope things are going well with you this summer.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
Dictated but not signed by Mr. Jackman

AUG 8 1944

New Laguna, New Mexico
August 3, 1944

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, 10, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Jackman:

Thank you for your offer of July 27. However after praying about the matter, and after careful consideration I feel led to decline it, with thanks.

There are several reasons for this. In the first place Mrs. Schwab expects to be confined in January, and the job of moving and travelling that distance seems unwise.

Then too, the last couple months the Southern Baptists have tried to start work here at Laguna, and they are trying to get our good Presbyterians into the Southern Baptist fold. I feel that leaving this field just now under those circumstances would aid their cause, when I can be of more service here than a new man.

I trust that you may soon find the right man for Ketchikan. Thank you again for your kind offer.

Sincerely yours,

D.A. Schwab
D.A. Schwab

Charles W. Frost

September 15, 1944

The Rev. Donald A. Schwab
New Laguna
New Mexico

My dear Mr. Schwab:

Thank you for your letter of August third giving me your reaction to the possibility of service in Alaska. You are absolutely right in considering the challenge and responsibility which you bear for your work at Laguna. We have no desire to take a good man from a field where he is needed. We trust the Lord will bless you in this decision and use you mightily to advance His cause.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
JEJ:PK

~~Red ink~~ Whitehorse N. T. Canada
December 11, 1943.

Dr. A. B. Keeler,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Yesterday December 10 I met Rev. B. J. Bingle at the Utah Camp at 108 mile post. He told me to write to you.

I am an ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene having been located in Minnesota but since November 1, 1942 December 5 am employee of the E. W. Elliott Construction Co. at Whitehorse. During this time I have had charge of recreation regularly, and whenever possible have conducted services for the men.

Now I am on my way to Fairbanks to reemploy with another contractor but, having stopped working at my calling, that of the ministry, with the men of these contractors in and about Alaska.

Should you need references you may inquire of Capt. David H. Wilson, Post Chaplain at Whitehorse, or Major Keele U. S. E. D., Capt. Richard U. S. E. D., Capt. Parsons U. S. E. D., and Capt. Ernest U. S. E. D.

all of Whitehorse.

My qualifications are as follows:
Graduate of the Chicago Evangelistic
Institute, in A.B. degree from the
University of Wisconsin, twelve years
of experience as a minister in the
Church of the Nazarene and a
great desire to be of service to
these men.

May I hear from you concerning
the possibility of working in your
organization?

Truly yours,

Harvey A. Siebenpiper

P.S.

Write me General Delivery,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Alaskan Appeal

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Box 484

Elizabethtown
N.C.

June 19, 1944

Dr. J. Earl Jackson, Jr.
Board of Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

[P.S. Mr. Champlin informed
me of your office
and address.]
^(N.H.)

Will you please send me the information
you have concerning mission work in
Alaska, the openings, the need, the location
of missions and information concerning them, as
well as for the prospects of enlarging the
work there, or of pioneering further
regions.

I know this is a big request. But
tho' I am a senior in a Presbyterian, U.S.,
seminary, I am very much interested in
the work in Alaska, and have that as a
possible field of life-work. Any light
upon the work, geography, people, climate, etc., that
you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Yours for him, Ray Spivey

John Spivey

June 26, 1944

Mr. Ray B. Spivey
Box 484
Elizabethtown, N. C.

My dear Mr. Spivey:

In response to your letter of June nineteenth, we are glad to give you a brief picture of work in Alaska. We are in need of workers in that territory and would be glad to consider you if you feel your future service lies in that direction.

At the present time we need a worker among the Eskimos. This should be a man with his wife and no children at the present because of a type of service which is necessary to render there in the immediate future. This would be in a climate which is very cold along the Arctic coast but is in the territory where one can be comfortable in the midst of his service.

We are in need of three ministers who should be married and may or may not have children in southeastern Alaska. The climate in this part of the territory never goes below five degrees below zero and is very delightful in the summer time. There is an unusual amount of rainfall but it does not come down in torrents as we frequently experience it in the States. We are in need of a minister for an Indian congregation, or a biracial congregation, and one where the people are all whites.

Alaska will have some developments after the war and we are anxious to find capable ministers who will go up to the territory with the idea of spending at least a period of years in consecrated service. We are not interested in people going for the experience but we do want those who will go to go for the benefit of the people in the territory. The future of Alaska depends upon this type of minister.

We are enclosing one of our application forms for your use. If you are interested we should be glad to have you fill out the form and we shall proceed with further consideration of your future service there. I had the privilege in April of visiting the southern half of the territory. There is a great service to be rendered and one which will challenge the best that is in anyone of us for the Christ.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Enc. Pre. Inf. Form

RE: ALASKAN APPLICATION

Verbal information from Mr. Jackman

May 31, 1944

STEWART, The Rev. Clifford T., Gary, Indiana

Pastor Presbyterian Church; Mr. Jackman had conference with Mr. Stewart re: possible service in Alaska; we may hear from him in the future in reference to this matter.

Wade Wofford

Gary Neighborhood House

REV. CLIFFORD T. STEWART, SUPT.

PHONE GARY 2-1550

1700 ADAMS STREET

Gary, Indiana

JUN 12 1944
Chas. S. Jones

June 9, 1944

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

We have given much thought to your invitation to undertake the work at Ketchikan, Alaska. Although we feel the power of its attraction, we have come to the conclusion that it is not for us, at this time. It is most likely that we will go into regular neighborhood house work in the west, if we leave Gary.

We do thank you for your kindness and your interest in us, and pray that the right person or persons may be found for this very challenging situation.

Very sincerely yours,

Clifford T. Stewart

572/15

Ipswich, October

Arrived with
fifteen miles
of early 1945
for completion
of form but
nothing ret'd.

May 25, 1945

The Rev. Reuben J. Tjaden
A.F.D.
Alexis, Illinois

My dear Mr. Tjaden:

Last Fall we had a communication which indicated your interest in service in Alaska. Do you still have this interest and could you consider service there this summer or Fall if an appointment were available in the Church field? We would appreciate an early reply from you.

Cordially yours,

JWJ:PK

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES
NORWOOD - BURGESS

REUBEN J. TJADEN, PASTOR

ROUTE 1, ALEXIS, ILLINOIS

May 31, 1945

The Rev. J. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue, Room 711
New York, New York 10

Dear Mr. Jackman:

We appreciate your interest in us in regard to National Missions work in Alaska. We are still interested in this work, but will not be able to go this summer or fall.

We would be happy to hear from you early next spring if fields are still open. We were especially interested in Haines House.

Yours sincerely,

Reuben Tjaden

Reuben Tjaden

Mark off your

June 13, 1946

The Rev. Leuben J. Tjaden
Route #1
Alexis, Illinois

My dear Mr. Tjaden:

In a letter dated May 31, 1945 you indicated that you would be interested in going to Alaska in the spring or summer of this year. Do you still have that interest?

In your letter you talked about Laines House but that Church is filled satisfactorily at the present time. We do have need of a fine couple over at Cordova in southwestern Alaska. If you are still interested and it is possible for you to go we would be glad to correspond further with you about it. At present the Rev. Raymond Petrie is the Pastor of the Cordova church but he has asked to prepare for work of some other type under the Board of National Missions. He is standing by while we look for someone else to take the Church. It is not known to his people that we are contemplating this change so we would ask you not to write to him or to anyone else there at present. Let us hear from you about your continued interest.

Cordially yours,

JBJ:FK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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JUL 15 1946

NORWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ALEXIS, ILLINOIS

July 12, 1946

The Rev. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I want to thank you for your letter of recent date. It is with some regret that I have to write saying I have accepted another position. I begin my work as Assistant Pastor and Youth Minister in the Fargo, North Dakota, First Presbyterian Church on September 1. We feel that this new work will indeed be an opportunity for us.

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Reuben Tjaden

Reuben Tjaden

via Caffin

July 24, 1945

The Rev. James E. Tweddle
R.R. 5 - Box 437
Cincinnati 15, Ohio

My dear Mr. Tweddle:

We have just received information that you have had a contact by correspondence with our work at Barrow, Alaska and might be interested in going up there for missionary service. Your name has been suggested by The Rev. Frederick Klerekoper who has recently returned from that field.

We are enclosing a Preliminary Information Form which we would ask you to complete and indicate your possible interest in Barrow or some other place in Alaska. When we receive the completed form and your indication of interest, we shall be glad to confer with you more definitely about it.

I am wondering if you might happen to be in the Minister's Conference in Chicago the first week of August. I shall be there and would be glad to confer with you if you are there for any part of the Conference. It is at McCormick Seminary.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Enc. Preliminary Information Form

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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

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Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

Enc. Preliminary Information Form

7/26/45

Dear Sir,
Thank you for the honor, but I am not com-
pleting a field such as you have
suggested although I am and
will continue to be interested
in it as a part of our church's
work. I am returning
unmarked for possible
use in another instance.
I shall be attending
the Minister's Institute at
Savannah the first week
of August. Could you tell me
how to contact the
Klerekopers now that they
are in the states?
Yours truly
James E. Tweddle

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rec'd Unit of Work in Alaska 11-20-44

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Brilliant, Ohio

E. Dever Walker, Minister

November 10, 1944

Rev. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Ave.
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I am writing to ask what opportunity there is of teaching in Alaska. I am now a minister, but am interested in the educational opportunities in this new region. I am particularly interested in the Junior College work beginning in Sheldon Jackson School at Sitka. If there is any possibility of receiving an appointment for this work will you write me the necessary information.

My qualifications in brief are these. I received an A.B. degree from Centre College, Danville, Ky. in 1937. Graduated from Western Theological Seminary in 1940 and received my S.T.M. degree in 1942 after preaching in Idaho for a year. I have additional work at the University of Pittsburgh in Education. I know these things are not of great importance, but may be of interest. Recommendations will be sent on request.

I feel I would like to have a part in the religious and educational development of this new American frontier.

Sincerely,

(signed) E. Dever Walker

ORIGINAL LETTER GIVEN PERSONNEL OFFICE WITH MEMO DATED 11-28-44

November 23, 1944

The Rev. E. Dever Walker
Brilliant
Ohio

My dear Mr. Walker:

Thank you for your letter of inquiry concerning work in Alaska especially in connection with the Sheldon Jackson Junior College. Our office has no direct connection with the college and we will be glad to refer you to the Unit of Educational and Medical Work for this purpose. Perhaps it would be better for us to refer your name to our Personnel Office and ask them to follow through with the proper forms of application for Alaskan service. This would make the basic information available to both units in case you serve in Alaska under either one. You will hear from the Personnel Office regarding this.

There will not be much development of the faculty in connection with the new Junior College. This is simply a continuation of some work which is being done now and only one or two extra teachers will be needed.

Meanwhile, if you are interested in service in Alaska as a pastor, we need someone right away to be pastor of our church at Haines and work in connection with the program of Haines House where we have forty-five Indian children in the orphanage. Haines is a small community but is in great need of a consecrated Christian ministry. There is a possibility of considerable development there in the future but no one knows just yet how much it will be. We need a man to be pastor of the church, minister to the army barracks, cooperate in the program of Haines House, build a large program for the people in the community, minister occasionally to the neighboring Indian village of Klukwan, and be ready for whatever development may come on the new Dalton Highway which goes north from Haines to connect with the Alaskan Highway. It is a man-sized job and will demand the best talents and deepest consecration of any individual. If you are interested let us know at once.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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DEC 4 1944

The First Presbyterian Church

BRILLIANT, OHIO

E. DEVER WALKER, Minister

December 11, 1944

J. Earl Jackman
Unit of Work in Alaska
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave,
New York 10, N.Y.

Copy 12/4/44
D.C.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I was happy to receive your letter of the 28th concerning work in Alaska. I am interested in the work at Haines House, and would like to know more about it. You say you need someone right away. How soon is that? We have a three month old baby, and naturally feel hesitant about making a decision involving such a move in the winter months. However, it might be possible for me to go in advance and bring them later. All this is by way of thinking about the matter.

Please tell us more about the work and the country to be served. We are interested in serving in Haines, and surrounding community and would like additional information.

Sincerely,

E. Dever Walker

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Check with General office
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Answered*

December 13, 1944

The Rev. E. Dever Walker
The First Presbyterian Church
Brilliant, Ohio

My dear Mr. Walker:

In response to your interest in Haines, Alaska, we have sent your name to our Personnel Office to secure full information and references which we may follow. Perhaps by this time you have received the information form and we trust it will be completed quickly and returned.

In our last letter to you we indicated the extent of the ministry which we would expect from the new pastor of the Haines Church. This village is largely Indian but also has some white people and if a new development comes will have an increasing number of white people. It has the possibility now of developing into a bi-racial program.

Haines is on the northwest side of the upper end of Lynn Canal and has a considerable amount of cold weather in the winter and excessive moisture in the summer. The temperature does not go as low there as it does in the interior and has a climate which is comparable to eastern Pennsylvania or even the climate which you have in Brilliant except that there is a larger amount of rainfall in the summer. We have a comfortable manse which is furnished and forms the center for the ministry in that community. There is a cooperative relationship between the minister of the Church and Mrs. Maurstad the head of Haines House. The staff of Haines House is not expected to direct the program of the Church but is expected to be helpful in it. The minister of the Church, on the other hand, is not expected to direct the program of the orphanage but is expected to cooperate and be helpful particularly with the older boys and girls.

We are in need of someone to go to Haines as early as possible. We have one other prospect with whom we are corresponding in an effort to find the right person who will fit this situation and be able to go as early as possible. Transportation from the point of origin in the United States to the field in Alaska will be provided by the Board with an allowance of 200 pounds per person excess baggage. Freight beyond the 200 pounds would be taken at one-half the expense of the Board and the missionary. Since our manse is furnished it would be necessary for the missionary to store or sell his furniture in the States inasmuch as our period of service in Alaska

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The Rev. E. Dever Walker

December 13, 1944

is on a five year basis most missionaries feel it desirable to sell their furniture rather than store it.

A trip to Haines by boat from Seattle in the winter time has the possibility of incurring some rough weather, but the boats are large and comfortable and there is no great danger involved in the trip. Having arrived in Haines preparations would be made for the missionary's coming and there would be no difficulty getting proper supplies and fuel. Our former pastor had the advantage of getting fresh milk from the orphanage farm and some other items of food as well. It can be possible for the whole family to go together in the winter time although the travel would not be as favorable as during the summer months.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

J.E.J:FK
P.S. We should indicate to you that the salary at Haines will be \$1800 and furnished manse with provision for the pension and one month's vacation in addition to the transportation arrangements as indicated. \$1600 of this salary would come from the Board at the beginning and \$200 from the Church. As the Church increases its part it is possible for the missionary to share equally with the Board in this increased support.

JAN 5 1945

Mrs. Olive E. Sindlinger
Brilliant, Ohio

Sunday Evening
Dec 8.

Dear Earl, I answered your letter last Tuesday afternoon while I was on Red Cross Canteen duty at the Glenbeville R. R. station but have not had time to copy it until today. Have been home only one day this week and that day was taken up with the preparations and entertaining of the missionary society I suppose you think I should have all kinds of time but I don't. Have been trying to help out in a grocery store at George Run part time, for the past few months and of course they needed extra help during the holiday season. I had a family dinner here today. The guests have gone home and I am determined to get this letter finished so it can be on its way tomorrow morning.

You have given me quite a task but I will try to tell you frankly the way we feel about Rev. Walker. Knowing that you will use the information in the right way. We would not wish to stand in his way if there is any chance for advancement for him, but as far as we are personally concerned, we would appreciate a change and I'm sure the majority of the congregation feel the same way.

Mr Walker seems to be sincere, but somehow or other he has gotten off on the wrong foot with the people. He is not the best mixer in the world. He has not gotten personally close to the people as many of our other pastors have done. He seems to lack a deep sympathy with those in trouble. He does not care a great deal. I do not object to this myself, but I think he should at least know who are members of the congregation. He is still in doubt about some of them.

As far as his preaching is concerned - he is capable of producing a good sermon if he really works on it. Most of them show a lack of preparation and unfamiliarity with the subject.

He has gotten in wrong with the trustees, who undertook to finance and install a new furnace. He tried to tell them how it should be done and it didn't go down very well, especially with one of our younger trustees who has been very much interested in the church. As a result this young man doesn't come to church any more. Mr Walker just seems to lack tact in dealing with a situation.

We had a delegation from Carrollton about two weeks ago. As one of the men was Mr Anderson from the bank at Carrollton, Jim knew where they were from and what they were after. We hope something comes of it.

Mrs. Olive E. Sindlinger
Brilliant, Ohio

I'm ran into Rev Sharp a few days ago and after a little quizzing found that Mr Sharp was instrumental in having the delegation from Carrollton visit us. He seems to have known that we werent satisfied, and being particularly interested in Mrs. Wacker (Eleanor Harne, home missionary at Glen Robins) seems to be trying to find a satisfactory place for Mrs. Wacker. I'm thinks that if the Wackers had a fresh start somewhere else they might make good. Mrs Wacker is a grand minister's wife and and is liked by almost everyone. They are both deeply interested in missions, and I think they would be more successful in missionary work.

I think our congregation has been very patient and charitable, for you know we are used to having seminary students start here. It is a pleasure to watch them grow. But we can not see much improvement in Mr Wacker in the three years that he has been with us. Frankly, I think he is lazy. After that, I think I have said about enough. I hope I have told you what you want to know. Maybe when we

are in the market for a new
minister you can help us. We have
had some fine ones in our time.
Many have really made names for them-
selves.

And now, please remember me to Anna
I wish we could renew our friend ship
sometime.

Wishing the best for you and yours
the coming year,

With kindest regards

Alice Lindenger

Mrs. Olive E. Sindlinger
Brilliant, Ohio

Sept 29

January 10, 1945

January 10, 1945

Mrs. Olive E. Sindlinger
Brilliant, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Sindlinger:

Thank you for writing at length. Have given me what I wanted - a frank interpretation of the situation. Had a suspicion that such might be the case.

Family all well and send greetings.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
JEJ:FK Unit of Work in Alaska
Dictated but not signed
by Mr. Jackman

JUN 26 1944

First Presbyterian Church

John E. Wheatley, Minister

Shelby, Iowa Box 53.
Telephone 83

June 24, 1944

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Jackman:

I am the fellow who talked to you at Iowa Synod about the possibility of going to Alaska as a missionary. I have talked the matter over with my wife and she seems enthused.

I would like to have more information about the fields. I could not absorb all you told me in the cafeteria line. If I received an appointment would I have any choice as to the fields I would serve? You mentioned three as being vacant at the present. After negotiations are started how soon would I receive notice of the appointment? How soon after the appointment notification would I be expected to be ready to move to the field?

When will you plan to meet with us in case we decide to go ahead with this matter?

With every good wish.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Wheatley

June 27, 1944

The Rev. John L. Wheatley
Shelby, Iowa

My dear Mr. Wheatley:

I am encouraged with the report that you and your wife are enthusiastic about the possibility of service in Alaska. We are enclosing an information form which we shall ask you to complete and return to us as soon as possible. If you have other matters of interest please put them on an extra sheet or some place on this form. If you have others whom you want to suggest for reference please add their names also.

We shall then proceed with further investigation of your work before committing ourselves of your appointment. We want to be sure that you feel that this is your field of service and that your abilities will fit into our situation in Alaska. We shall develop these inquiries as rapidly as possible looking forward to an early appointment if Providence guides us in that direction.

We have a vacancy in a white Church, in a bi-racial Church and a native Indian Church. Other things being equal you do have an opportunity of stating your preference as to the type of field which you would like to serve. Also, if it is not possible for us to place you in the type of field which you prefer, we could send you to Alaska and move you later into the type of service which you would desire and in which you would do your best work.

If and when negotiations are completed and we agree upon an appointment for Alaskan service, we would allow sufficient time for you to take care of the severance of your relationships with your Church and any other matters which would be necessary before you leave the States. There are a number of things involved in this and we would confer about them as negotiations develop.

It may be possible that I shall have to go in your direction during July or August. I expect to be in the minister's conference at McCormick Seminary the first week of August and could see you either before

Page #2
The Rev. John E. Wheatley

June 27, 1944

or after that engagement. I would want to talk with both of you because we want our families who go to Alaska to be united in the call to service in that territory. Meanwhile, let us have the information form and we shall begin operations.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
Enc. Pre. Inf. Form

JULY 1944

UNIT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS AND ALASKA
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM

Date July 1, 1944

1. Name John E(Edward) Wheatley
First Middle Last

2. Present Address Shelby, Iowa

3. Present occupation Minister

4. Present citizenship American Race White
If naturalized, when and where? _____
Nationality of parents American

5. Birthplace Longmont, Colorado Date of Birth August 5, 1911

6. You are: Married
Single Engaged Married Divorced Widowed

Wife's maiden name Virginia Muncy
Date of Birth December 16, 1913 Health Good
Date of Marriage June 3, 1934

If you have children give name and birthdate of each:

John Edward October 4, 1941

Patricia Anne February 8, 1944

7. Is your health vigorous, fair, or poor? Vigorous Height 6' Weight 180
Do you have any chronic ailment? Yes Any physical disability? No
If so, specify Hay fever during rag weed season

List any serious illnesses you have had, giving dates None

8. Do you have any debt? Yes Amount? \$400
Is there any situation which affects the economic condition of the family? No

unless it would be a low salary

9. Preparation for Service:

Name of Institution	Year Graduated	Degree
High School Benkelman (Nebraska)	1930	
College Peru State Teachers College (Nebr.)	1934	A. B.
Seminary Omaha Seminary	1939	B. Th.
Special Courses		

10. What are your favorite forms of recreation? Sports--Tennis and softball
Gardening and woodworking

11. When did you first unite with the church? About Easter 1923

12. What part have you taken in the work of the church or other religious organizations? Describe in some detail, noting if the experiences were with city, town, or country groups Served as a minister in two fields with town and country groups for a period of 7 years (5 yrs. as ordained minister)

13. What does Jesus Christ mean to you personally? Stand by my ordination vow on this point

14. In what ways have you helped others to a personal commitment to Jesus Christ? Service as a minister, teaching communicants classes

15. What influences led you to consider missionary service? The great need as presented by your secretary at Ames during Synod

What is the purpose of your ministry? To win men to Christ

What is your attitude toward people? Friendly and tolerant

16. What type of work do you wish to do? Anything that will advance purpose of ministry

17. What experience and special training not listed under academic education have you had in the type of work which you prefer to do? Include field work, employment, and most significant voluntary activity

18. In what section of the country do you prefer to work? Alaska
Why do you prefer that section? A frontier situation and one that has great possibilities of growth and a need for the Christian gospel

19. Previous service in the church (Place and length):

California, Iowa 3 years(2 yrs, as a student)

Shelby, Iowa 4 years

20. What is the strength of your ministry? (Be honest - not too modest or too boastful)

Strong Points: Friendliness and tolerance

Things hard to do: Calling

21. What is your home church? Member of Council Bluffs Presbytery

22. When did you enter the Pension Plan? 1939

23. Is any other member of your family serving in the Presbyterian Church? No
Give name and location:

24. Give names and addresses of three persons to whom the Board can write for further information about you.

Mr. J. M. Liljedahl Missouri Valley, Iowa

Mr. Ben Von Eschen Shelby, Iowa

Rev. Wilbur F. Dierking Mason City, Iowa 818 N. Washington Ave.

Signature John E. Wheatley

I am assuming that you will contact the officials of the Synod as to my qualifications so am giving other references; two of them being elders in the churches I have served.

7/5/44 letters
of reference
written,
filed under
each respective
name in Alaska file
JK.

July 5, 1944

The Rev. John E. Wheatley
Shelby
Iowa

My dear Mr. Wheatley:

Thank you for the return of the completed form in regard to service in Alaska. We shall proceed with further inquiry at once and hope to have something definite by the end of July or early August. I shall make plans to have a conference with you and your wife either before the minister's conference in Chicago or immediately after.

In order not to disturb your plans any more than necessary please inform us where you will be the end of July about the twenty-eighth or twenty-ninth or the sixth or seventh of August. I am to be in the minister's conference at McCormick Seminary from July thirty-first through August fifth when I will come on to Shelby or a nearby accessible point to visit with you and your wife regarding Alaskan service. We would hope to have the background for a decision at that time.

In your frank statement concerning your ministry you have indicated that it is difficult for you to call upon people. That is not an insurmountable obstacle but we shall want to consider it carefully in our conference.

We are glad to know of your interest and of the possibility of a strong ministry in Alaska.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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First Presbyterian Church

John E. Wheatley, Minister

Shelby, Iowa

Telephone 83

July 8, 1944

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
New York City

Dear Dr. Jackman:

In reply to your letter will give you the following information: I am planning on attending the Minister's conference and leave Shelby on the night of the 30th of July. After the conference my wife and I shall be in Nebraska where we are to spend our vacation. We shall be here in Shelby until the 30th, my wife leaving the same time but going to Tecumseh, Nebraska. That is rather hard to reach from Chicago since it is not on the main line. However you are to be the judge as to the time and place.

As to calling being my hardest thing I have to do, I have more or less overcome it.

My wife was wondering if it would be possible for you to spend the week-end here with us and then you and I go to Chicago together. In case you can, please use this as an invitation to be with us during this time.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Wheatley

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MASON CITY, IOWA

JUL 11 1944

WILBUR FRANK DIERKING
MINISTER

July 8, 1944

The Reverend J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue
New York

My dear Dr. Jackman:

It is a pleasure to write to you about John and Virginia Wheatley. They are in the ministry because of my encouragement.

John spoke to you that evening at dinner in the Hotel, and I told him by all means to do so, because I thought him admirably fitted for such a task.

John and Virginia are utterly devoted to one another. John is a hard worker, and a good teacher. John and Virginia went to one of the hardest working in the world, the Canadian Rockies, and John is able to get along with other people, and I am sure that if our board sees fit to select him for Alaska, you need not worry about his staying power; he will be there for life. His personal character is irreproachable, and his wife is a great help. I know that John is restless where he is now, and after having been there with him, I can understand why. He has a desire to go to Alaska, and I think he would be a valuable addition to the church there. Both of their services are located toward helping in the troupe, providing it for choirs, and doing the things that go with

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MASON CITY, IOWA

WILBUR FRANK DIERKING
MINISTER

The Wheatleys are utterly devoted to each other, and only recently they adopted two children. They have a Christian home.

I sincerely hope that you will send these two to Alaska. You will not be disappointed in them or the quality of their work.

With pleasure in order of our
minister, etc.,

Wilbur Frank Dierking.

JUL 12 1944

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

WORK IN ALASKA

UNIT OF EDUCATIONAL-AND-MEDICAL-WORK-

You have been referred to as being able to speak intelligently of the character and work of Rev. John Wheatley who is an applicant for a position as _____

We shall be gratified if you will give on the topics below as full and discriminating statements as possible. Any further points of criticism or commendation may be written on the back of this sheet. All information will be considered confidential.

1. Length of time you have known applicant and under what circumstances. *7 years*

2. Quality of scholarship. *poor*

3. Success as a *host - poor*

4. Ability to guide group behavior. *not exceptional*

5. Success in developing individuals. *not extensive*

6. Appearance. *Good*

7. Personality. *Fair*

8. Christian character. *Good to Excellent*

9. Is applicant active in organized religious work, such as church attendance, participation in program of church and allied religious agencies? *Yes*

10. Has applicant a sense of humor? *No*

11. How does applicant use leisure time?

Reading

Music

Study

Poorly

Art

Handicraft

Sports

12. Temperamental factors:

Indicate by placing a check at a point to left or right on each line the degree in which the person possesses the quality listed. A check immediately beside the characteristic would indicate the superlative degree.

Quick	Slow	Open-minded	Dogmatic
Balanced	Erratic	Poised	Easily disturbed
Deliberate	Impulsive	Self-controlled	Quick-tempered
Practical	Visionary	Persistent	Easily discouraged
Self-reliant	Dependent	Ambitious	Easily satisfied
A leader	A follower	Co-operative	Non-co-operative
Domineering	Submissive	Generous	Self-seeking
Social	Unsocial	Optimistic	Pessimistic
Sensitive	Indifferent	Critical	Suggesible
Objectively minded	Introspective	Accepts responsibility	Avoids responsibility

13. Is the applicant inclined to exclusive and absorbing friendships? *No, - to the contrary*

14. Does the applicant have the emotional stability and spiritual serenity that would enable him to meet difficult problems successfully and to live and work happily in an isolated area where there are few social contacts and practically no commercial amusements?

15. Has the applicant any habits and peculiarities likely to interfere with success? Explain. *Not to my knowledge*

16. Is applicant careful and conscientious in business matters? *Rather*

17. Has applicant executive ability? *None*

18. What is the most successful feature of his or her work?

19. Has applicant ever, to your knowledge, been declined reappointment? If so, please give reason. *No*

Signature

W. D. Harless

Official Position

Synod Executive

Date

7.10.44

REMARKS

See attached letter

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The Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Synod of Iowa

229 BROOKBRIDGE AVE., PHONE 198
AMES, IOWA Box 594

REV. W. O. HARLESS, D. D.
SYNOD EXECUTIVE

GENERAL COUNCIL PROMOTION

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July 10, 1944

Dr. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Earl:

I am always glad to hear from you but this particular letter of July 8th has to do with one of my headaches, if I have one, for John Wheatley is a problem child. It runs in my mind that you questioned me regarding him while you were here at Synod. Am I right?

~~The man who is responsible for John being in the ministry gave Wheatley one of the worst goings-over a fellow ever had while he was here at Synod, and this fellow can really lay it on when he wants to, and he wanted to. He told me something of what he had told Wheatley and I don't think he said a word amiss. The fellow has a notion that he is just about "tops" when the fact of the matter is he is just about bottom.~~

He can't preach a lick and uses terrible English. He is poverty stricken as to words and his thought is none too good. I have a letter from him just this morning in which he says, "Last evening two of my elders came to see me about Shelby. They said some of the people are constantly asking why they cannot have a change. Personally I can stay and take it but it is getting hard for some of my officials to face it and be rebuffed when canvassing". That would mean a lot, and one of these elders has talked to me and I talked to John 18 months ago telling him that he would have to get busy on his studying and prepare himself better for his pulpit presentations. He took this very well although there was a bit of resentment in his attitude, and I did not tell him by letter but in person. Just recently his name was before a church in Kansas and I also had a letter from a church in Nebraska at the same time. I was writing Wheatley about something else and referred to the fact that he was being considered by a Nebraska church. He wrote right back and said that he had been called to a church in Kansas. I later found out that he had no chance whatever to get the call and I so told him. Last Friday at a meeting in Omaha Walton Roth said to me that Wheatley didn't have a chance with this Kansas church. They said he couldn't preach at all and that when they met with him he sat most of the time with his face in his hands, and made exorbitant demands as to salary.

In addition, perhaps the stronger character of the two is Mrs. Wheatley, very unprepossessing in appearance. She does have some ability but she also likes

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Dr. J. Earl Jackman, July 10, 1944

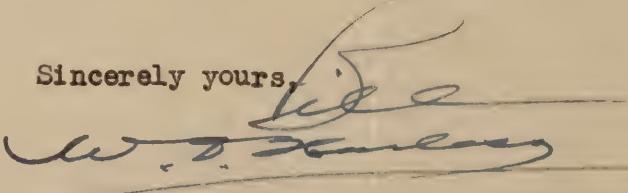
to clean people up and has done it more than once. Both of them have what their best friend says are ungovernable tempers. They have two adopted children.

I don't like to write this kind of letter. It looks very much as if I am going to have to be very, very frank and plain with John Wheatley. This letter just received from him says that one of his elders has told him that he has missed his calling. I am assuming that you want me to be frank and give you the information that will help. It is just possible (I have seen this happen as have you) that a change to Alaska would be exactly what would bring out the fine qualities of both Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley.

If you have any further question I wish you would write me and I would appreciate your writing me anyway as to your reactions to what I have told you. I am confident that Wilbur Dierking, above referred to but not named, has written you a good letter about the Wheatleys for I have a letter from him this morning urging me to write you and give Wheatley a boost with you so that he can go to Alaska.

With warmest personal regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


W. O. Harless
Synod Executive

WOH:h

July 11, 1944

The Rev. John E. Wheatley
First Presbyterian Church
Shelby, Iowa

My dear Mr. Wheatley:

Thank you for your letter of July 8 concerning your summer plans. I am glad to know that you are going to be in the Minister's Conference in Chicago. That will give me an opportunity to get better acquainted with you.

I should like to have the privilege of visiting with both you and your wife, as we talk about your future service in Alaska. Frankly, my reason for doing this lies in the fact that I feel both husband and wife ought to get their information direct and join together in answering the call to service. I need to go farther west than Chicago prior to the Minister's Conference for a visit with the Rev. Paul Prouty who is going up to Alaska to be captain of the Princeton-Hall, when it is returned to us from the Navy. I have tentatively suggested to Mr. Prouty that I would meet him in Omaha on July 28, or the morning of the 29th, and am wondering if it would be possible for you and your wife to come to Omaha at the same time. It will be an advantage in your future service to meet Paul Prouty, and it will give us the opportunity of a full visit.

I am not sure yet whether it would be Friday afternoon, July 28 or Saturday morning, July 29. This may rush you in getting ready for your vacation and the Minister's Conference, but may I ask you to hold yourselves in readiness for either time if it can be arranged.

I will let you know several days in advance, and, of course, we will bear the expenses in connection with the visit.

It would be a pleasure to spend a weekend with you, but I doubt if this can be arranged. However, I shall let you know later if this is possible.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Sunday School Missions
and Work in Alaska

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Missouri Valley Da. July 11, 1944

J. Earl Jackson Secy.

My dear Sir:-

JUL 14 1944

Your letter of 6th inst in regard to Rev and Mrs Wheatley received and am glad to say first that Mrs. Wheatley is a very great help and a very ^{true} ~~fine~~ Christian and talented woman. She is the ideal minister's wife in every way.

Rev. Wheatley is to be commended for wanting to go to Alaska in mission work. I think that he is a true Christian minister and well grounded in theology maybe too much ~~Presbyterian~~ but sincere in his beliefs.

We had our congregation well organized during his stay here and called on his people regularly.

He makes friends and keeps them. He might not be as strong in the pulpit as he could be but gives of his best at all times. I could not say that he would be successful in Alaska because

I do not know what is required to be successful in that country but I do know that if he is sent there he will try very hard to build up the work and that Mrs. Wheally would be a decided help to her husband.

I may not have given you the information that you desire but hope it will help you to decide this matter the right way.

Sincerely yours,

J.M. Libidell

Mrs Tally da.

JUL 14 1944

Shelby, La. July 12, 1944

Mr. J. Earl Jackman Seey
Unit of work in Alaska.

Dear Mr. Jackman.

In regard to the letter of July 5 asking about the Wheatleys. I will answer as best I can. I have known both of them for the last four years. Have served as an elder over two years and been clerk of the session fifteen months. First of all I must say that I think Mr. Wheatley is a real Christian man. I think you will find him to stand for true Christian Principles. I have associated with him quite a bit and find him P. K. along that line. He has tried to make his church better and has worked hard. He took in nine members last Sunday. His preaching is much better than when he first came to Shelby. He

has been preaching better sermons and seems to be more in earnest than at first. Of course you must remember he had only been preaching for a short time before he came here. He has just completed a series of sermons on the beatitudes which I think he handled in good shape and stressed why we should live better.

You asked about his ability in organizational work. He has done quite a little of that work but has been working under difficulties as nearly all the boys & young men have gone to serve their country. It is rather hard to hold the young people when so many are gone.

He has been getting along quite well with his people. He has also been doing considerable home visiting. Some like him others do not. You know that is always the case with a minister. He is a fair mixer.

In regard to Mrs Wheatley. Can say
that she is doing her part. I think
you will find here a good Christian
woman. She has been playing
the church piano, leader of the
choir, meets as leader of the young
girls Guild, helps in the Missionary
Society and the Ladies Circle. There
is no doubt but what she will do
her part as a helpmeet to Mr
Wheatley. They have two children
a boy 2 yrs old & girl 5 mos. old.

I have tried to tell you what
I think you would like to know
and hope it may help you in
deciding whether he is the man
you want for Alaska or not.

Sincerely yours,
Ben D. Feschen.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JOHN E. WHEATLEY, MINISTER

CARROLL, IOWA

October 10, 1944

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

As you can see this letter is written on stationery of the Carroll Church. This is the place that was in my mind when I saw you in Chicago. It looks as tho the idea of Alaska is out of the question.

Frankly, the call to Carroll came so easily and without much effort on my part that I felt that it was the place for me. I honestly felt that God was leading me here. I candidated here on the 13th of August and was called on the 16th. After giving it much consideration we decided to move and arrived here on the 13th of September. I realize that I should have written you sooner but with moving, two Presbytery meetings to attend I did not get around to do it.

I am sorry that the Board had to go to some expense on my behalf in this matter of Alaska and wish that I could have felt a driving urge or call to go. However, I never quite felt that it was in the plan of God for me to go. I had a feeling all the time that there was no place for me in Alaska. I hope that as time goes on that I have correctly interpreted the urge within me.

I feel honored that you found me worthy to be a representative of the Board in this great work. I have always tried to do the right thing and am glad that someone put a great deal of trust in me after reading my references.

I have enjoyed your acquaintance and hope that we can see each other again and chat awhile about Alaska. With best personal regards for you and your great work, I am

Sincerely yours,

John E. Wheatley

October 16, 1944

The Rev. John E. Wheatley
First Presbyterian Church
Carroll, Iowa

Dear John:

Thank you for your recent letter which brings me information about your final desision for your future. I had concluded that you had decided to remain where you were or else take another pastorate in the States.

The matter of Alaska service should be very definitely a call from Christ and unless a minister feels this he certainly should not go. Lacking this you have done the best thing to accept a call to another Church and remain in this country.

It was a pleasure to have this contact with you and I want to express to you my belief that you have the possibilities of a good minister. There are some problems which you need to work on very definitely but you can do great things.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JBJ:FK

Whitcomb, Dan C.

No winter marks

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from Mar 20. 1945

to this
Date 1945

See Whitcomb folder in
regular Under File

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Trinidad, Colo.

Nov. 2, 1946.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

It has been a long time since I last wrote to you. Since that time I have been to Alaska. I spent a whole month in the Territory trying to find the answer to the economic needs of the Indian people. I found the answer but I have not been able to find the men who might bring that answer into a more abundant life for the Alaskan people. And the more I study the situation, the more concerned I become that our native peoples are not as yet ready for the economic opportunities about them. I believe that to open lives with new economic opportunities without a first substantial foundation of Spiritual Life and Faith would be disastrous to their futures. They must live and grow a while longer, and at least the better part of another generation will pass before they can assume such responsibilities.

A year ago I had all the financial and business backing necessary to open up and to see the development of Southeastern Alaska. I had all the political power of Washington behind any move that I wanted to make. But I refused to allow the native people to be further exploited, I would not sell them out. Their love and respect I value to greatly for anything else. I am still hoping that eventually an answer may be found to the marketing problem of their Native arts products, but as long as the Government insists on remaining in business, and just as long as it allows the importation of cheaper machine made merchandise in direct violations of legal laws I do not see where there will be much added to the creative urge of these people in the outlying areas. Until the time is ripe and conditions change I will not lead these people into what might injure their growth and development. In this whole plan I have never intended to make a cent of profit, this was only a hope that I might be able to find for these people a new standard for life.

There is no use to kid myself, my heart is in Alaska and it always will be. Its future is the one greatest ideal in life that has any meaning for me. Alaska needs and must have Christ if she is to progress into the future, and I would like to do my share in winning her to his Kingdom. I would like to see my four little boys grow up in such a country among people who have the pioneering desire to build a new culture and life. I feel like a slacker in living in a comfortable new home and in the quiet of a church that goes along its smoothly complacent way. And even though I have a reputation as a speaker that is beginning to call me all over this section of the country to speak in the larger communities as a prophet for social justice and opportunity for minority groups, I still long again and again that I might be able to pour my life energies into the one real task and dream with which my life is still possessed.

Therefore, if at any future time an opportunity should open for a return to Alaska I would be happy to do so. I believe, however, from the experience through which I passed previously that I should not return to rainy Southeastern Alaska. We would be far happier at an opportunity within the interior under slightly different climatic conditions. I wonder if you have this idea in mind?

Friendly yours, Paul C. Whitehead

November 7, 1946

The Rev. Paul E. Whiteside
P.O. Box 314
Trinidad, Colorado

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter of November 2nd expressing your continued interest in Alaska. Willis Booth told me of your visit up there last spring but I have had no further information about developments.

We have had so much trouble getting personnel for Alaska that you will understand what we mean when we say we are happy to report that all of our churches in the upper end are filled. Skagway has a new man, John Dodge, who went up in May and is doing a good job. We shall be glad to think of you at some future date if there comes an opportunity where you could serve. Meanwhile, our whole plan for personnel has taken on much of the same form as we have in the Personnel Office of the Board of Foreign Missions and we are referring your name to the Personnel Office for the preparation of a folder of information about you. I am sure they have something but I am not sure whether all of their requirements have been filled.

*11/7/46 memo
sent Personnel
ofc.*

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
JEJ:FK

✓ D. J. C.

Personnel Office

Dr. Jackman

Alaskan Applicant, The Rev. Paul E. Whiteside, who
formerly served in Alaska

November 7, 1946

We have received another letter from the Rev. Paul E. Whiteside, Box 314, Trinidad, Colorado expressing a continued interest in Alaska. He served up there about four years ago for a year and a half and annually has expressed his interest in returning. Herrick Young has a folder on him in Foreign Missions and Herrick has thrown up his hands in despair about ever pinning him down to anything.

Here is one of the cases where the Administrator needs some Divine guidance because his own reactions are not sufficient for the occasion. This man has many good points but also there are some bad reactions which came from his former ministry in the Territory. In all fairness to the man, we ought to complete an information folder on him.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

Memorandum

(directive)

To - - Mr. Roberts
From - Dr. Jackman

November 29, 1946

Thank you for sharing with me the personal information in regard to the Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Whiteside.

About two years ago, I consulted with Herrick Young about the Whitesides because they were insistent about returning to Alaska. After an investigation of his work in Alaska and a review of his service up to that time, I concluded we should not take him. We told him that when he was settled long enough in one place to give evidence of permanency, we would then reconsider him. But once a year he turns up again and presses the question of his return to southeastern Alaska. Each time there is something different. All of his activity and interests show a considerable lack of emotional and purposeful stability.

The man has a great deal of quality and ability but it would be my judgement that his participation in our work in Alaska would bring more than average additional number of problems.

JWJ:rx

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Att.: Data re: The Rev. & Mrs. Paul E. Whiteside
from Personnel files.

*Paper 37. McCarty
Anchorage, Alaska*

Mr. Foster
Dr. Jackman

December 16, 1946

We are returning the latest papers on Paul E. Whiteside with the suggestion they be allowed to remain in the file.

Recently we communicated with Mr. Whiteside and he reaffirmed his desire to go to Alaska. He chose the Church at Skagway which is now occupied. We told him we had no vacancy in the part of the Territory where he desired to serve. If something turns up later where he could become a part of the program, we shall notify him.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Dictated by Dr. Jackman but signed in his absence

Att: Nov. 25, 1946 Application for Missionary Svs and Personal Inf. Blank
and Nov. 23rd letter from Mr. Whiteside

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Trinidad, Colo.
March 7, 1947

Dr. J. Earl Jackman,
Presbyterian Bd of National Missions,
156 Fifth Ave,
New York City. N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

I am finally forced to write you a letter that I regret to do exceedingly. I had hoped that I would not be forced to do so. Now I find no alternative and I believe that God has spoken in such a manner that I must heed him.

I must with regret conclude any thought of any future return to Alaska within the near future. We have completed a complete physical checkup of every member of the family. The results are bad. First, the X-ray's indicate that while in Public Health work as a Nurse up North Mrs. Whiteside contracted Tuberculosis which has since healed up but does definitely prevent any thought of her return. Second, our oldest boy has Asthmatic trouble and the Doctors have advised emphatically against his being taken North.. The Second boy is frail and the advice is similiar. Third, it has been the advice of the Doctors that I have no business of returning under the conditions which led to my physical break down before. That is our picture and it is not good. In the light of this we have decided to forget any future hopes of the return in any near future to Alaska. This brings to an end a great many dreams and hopes that we have shared for the future of the Alaskan people, but we feel we have no alternative.

It may be God's way of revealing the opportunities before us in our work here in the Southwest. We are now producing ten Religious Radio Programs each week. They have been rated the equal of anything on any of the networks and we have a growing listening audience in one of the most unchurched areas of the country. It does require a great deal of extra work, but we are doing a task which seems God has placed in our hands. I was recently elected President of the Southwest Radio Corporation. We now have our local 1,000 watt station KSFT and the La Junta Station a 250 watt station of 15 years standing, KOKO. We are American Broadcasting Affiliates. This does constitute a unique and powerful agency in this area for the Kingdom of God and we are happy over our opportunities.

We are sorry that Alaska will no longer be possible for us, but we do unite our hearts and prayers for the future growth of the Territory and the work of our Church.

Cordially Yours,
Paul E. Whiteside.

Mashae Effleasant
(Native)

March 13, 1947

The Rev. Paul E. Whiteside
Trinidad
Colorado

Dear Paul:

We regret exceedingly to receive the message which you have sent us about the health and condition of your family. From your letter we would conclude that Alaska has left its impression upon the family in a very strong manner. We trust that time and the inherent health power which God has put in our bodies will recover the health in full for all the family.

In the Providence of God, it has seemed wise that you have not returned to Alaska before this. Certainly, your present condition is bad enough but to have gone back to live in southeastern Alaska could have made it much worse. We are grateful for your heart-interest in the mission work in the Territory, and trust that though you may not be in that service you may be the means of sharing in securing others and supporting them in forwarding the message of the Gospel to all parts of the Territory.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:PK

Alaska Work

March 19, 1948

Mr. Daniel Kenneth Willis
4922 Winnamac Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Willis:

Your brother has just been in the office and has indicated your interest in mission work in Alaska. From all that he told me, it would seem that you would fit best in our work on the Motorship Princeton-Hall. He will tell you something of the possibilities and what is involved. I expect to be in Chicago April 4th and the morning of the 5th to have a couple of conferences with possible workers in Alaska, and would be glad to have a visit with you. What your brother tells me leads me to think that you may be just the man we are seeking. Let me know a first and second choice of time for a conference - afternoon or evening on the 4th or morning of the 5th.

Pending my visit with you, we are enclosing a Statement of Conditions of Service most of which would apply to you. We shall discuss salary later. We are enclosing forms from our Personnel Office. Please complete them and return them to me for study before our visit.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

J.EJ:FK
Enc.: Application for Missionary Service (printed form from Personnel)
Conditions of Service in Alaska

3/19/48

(front of envelope
back of envelope)

Daniel Kenneth Willis
4922 Winnemac St.
Chicago, Ill.

Tel MULBERRY 0970

Dr. Jackson
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FFB 27 1948

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

February 26, 1948

TO ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARIES
IN THE SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN REGION

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is a copy of the program which is planned for the Sunday School Missionaries Conference at Alpine, Tennessee, March 15-17. We think you will agree with us that it is a program which promises to be very worthwhile, both from a standpoint of instruction as well as fellowship.

The Rev. B. M. Taylor, who will be our host at Alpine, has sent the following instructions for reaching the mission station:

"Short Way" Bus from Somerset, Ky. arrives Livingston, Tennessee 9 A. M., route Tennessee 42. 16

"Short Way" Bus from Sparta and Chattanooga arrives 6:50 A. M.

Trailways Bus from Knoxville via Cookeville arrives Livingston at 1:20 P. M. and 1:50 P. M., routes U. S. 70 N and Tennessee 42.

Trailways Bus from Nashville arrives Livingston via Celina 11 A. M.

Tennessee Central Railroad from Nashville arrives in Cookeville at 12:10 P. M.; bus to Livingston.

Notify Mr. Taylor of the hour of your arrival at Livingston so that you can be met and taken to Alpine. We plan to begin the conference with luncheon at 12:30 March 15, so please try to arrive before that hour.

We are looking forward to seeing you there,

Sincerely,

HSR:fc
Enclosure

H. S. Randolph

Alaska Agent

MAR 29 1948

4922 Winnemac Avenue
Chicago, Illinois.
March 22, 1948.

Mr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary,
Unit of Work in Alaska,
Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I was very pleased to learn of my brother's conversation with you, and to receive your prompt letter. The enclosed application form can be amplified when we meet in Chicago.

If it conforms to your plans, we can meet in Chicago on the evening of April 4th at a time and place designated by you. My home 'phone is MULberry 0970.

Please be assured of my deep interest. On the basis of conversations with my brother, I am sure that I can satisfy all qualification needs.

3. You may be interested to know that I am familiar with the Princeton-Hall and have been aboard her many times.

I shall look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel K. Willis
Daniel K. Willis.

DKW;mw
Enc.

*Allerton 3:30 P.M.
Sun.*

March 31, 1948

Mr. Daniel K. Willis
4922 Winnamac Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Willis:

The pressure of meetings here at headquarters seems to require me to leave Chicago about 6:30 P.M. Sunday which would prevent me from having the visit with you Sunday evening. When I arrive on Saturday, I'll call you for a convenient time when we can get together.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
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Alaskan Affiliate

April 6, 1948

Mr. Daniel K. Willis
4922 Winnamac Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Willis:

We are enclosing the papers which I mentioned in our conversation in Chicago on Sunday afternoon. When you have had an opportunity to study these and discuss with your wife the possibility of taking this position, we would like to hear from you as early as possible.

I felt that there was not sufficient time for us to get as many reactions from you and your wife as I might have had regarding the whole situation. The occasion seemed to necessitate my doing most of the talking in giving you a background of many things which were involved in the work of the Princeton-Hall. If you are interested and before we come to a final decision, I think I ought to have another visit with both of you concerning your own background and thinking regarding a missionary service. We shall hold this prospect in abeyance until we determine whether or not you are interested.

It was a pleasure to see you both and we trust that all of us will seek the Lord's will for our lives in the final decision.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Enc.: Conditions of Service in Alaska;
Statement of Policy for the Princeton-Hall (June 1945);
Monthly Activity Report Motorship Princeton-Hall;
Monthly Financial Report (blue form)

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Our Alaskan Ministry (Rev. 9/1947)
Personnel Inf. form (Personnel of)*

Alaskan Applicant
Alaska
Daniel K. Willis

Personnel Office
Unit of Work in Alaska
Alaskan Applicant-Mr. Daniel K. Willis

April 9, 1948

We are attaching herewith the completed Application for Missionary Service for Mr. Daniel K. Willis, 4922 Winnemac Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Jackman had a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Willis on April 4th in Chicago, and when writing Mr. Willis on April 6th we enclosed your Personal Information form for completion. When this is received we shall forward the same to your office for filing purposes.

Unit of Work in Alaska
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Att.: Completed Application for Missionary Service dated 3/29/1948

*Apr. 18
Enclosed from
Alaska
Mr. Daniel K. Willis
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4922 Winnemac, Ave
Chicago, 30, Illinois
April, 11, 1948

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Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I wish to thank you for taking up
your valuable time to talk to me
last Sunday.

I think missionary service is the finest
sort of work, but I am afraid I would
not be qualified or meet with the
expectation of the program. Feeling the
way I do, I don't want to keep you from
looking for someone more qualified.

I do appreciate very much your asking me
and I hope you have great success in finding
someone to fill the job -

Cordially yours,
K. H. Willis

Mr. D. K. Willis

April 19, 1948

Mr. D. K. Willis
4922 Winnamac Avenue
Chicago 30, Illinois

Dear Mr. Willis:

Thank you for your prompt response giving me your decision in regard to work in Alaska.

We can appreciate your feelings in regard to this. We feel there were many qualifications which you had for this task, but we do feel the most essential thing is a full dedication to missionary responsibility. While we need a good man in this position, we would much prefer you to say no than to accept it and not find your heart in it.

Kindest personal regards to both of you!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

*Alaskan
Missionary*

Personnel Office

Unit of Work in Alaska

Supplement to our memo of April 9th

Daniel K. Willis, Alaskan Applicant

April 20, 1948

In a letter just received from Mr. Daniel K. Willis of Chicago, Illinois, he states that he feels he is not qualified for missionary service at this time. Therefore, we will not be receiving the Personal Information ^{YTM} from Mr. Willis referred to in our former memorandum.

Unit of Work in Alaska
per

FK

Excerpt from letter of March 6, 1945
re: John D. Thomson, Alaskan Applicant
reference letter:

".....If you should desire a young couple to take an Alaska appointment I should be very interested to know the terms of service, and I think we might be able to find a very good couple here in the Seminary who would go to the field....."

letter signed (Christy)

J. Christy Wilson
Director of Field Work

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

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March 8, 1945

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THOMSON, J.N.D. * ALASKAN APPLICANT

Dr. J. Christy Wilson
Department of Field Work
Princeton Theological Seminary
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Christy:

C Thank you for your note concerning John Thomson. I was impressed with the fact that he might fit Alaskan Service very well because he seems to be able to work alone and without need for too much social companionship. We are sending him up for the summer and if there is a place on the field he will continue. If not, he will return at his own expense and take a place in Washington until there is a proper opening and until he has a wife to enter this service with him. Our churches up there really do insist upon a couple.

For your reference we are enclosing a statement of our program in Alaska and our conditions of service. You ought to have these on file so that you can refer to them for young men who are thinking of Alaskan service. Just now we need a couple in the Haines Church. We have a prospect for this but nothing definite and we need to fill it as early as possible.

Fred Klerkoper is coming out of Barrow to stay and we need a couple for that station but I prefer to have someone with some pastoral experience because of the unique character of the Church and village. Practically every adult in the village is a member of the Church and the congregation universally practices tithing.

Vic Alfson is getting along very well and is doing a good work. He likes the climate and fits the situation admirably. If you have any more Victor Alfson's or Rolland Armstrong's, we would be delighted to have them.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEN:FK

Enc. Conditions of Service in Alaska and Our Alaskan Ministry

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PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF FIELD WORK

March 13, 1945

The Rev. J. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Earl:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the openings in Alaska. I have turned the letter over to Dr. E. H. Roberts, who locates men in permanent work, and he will present the matter to the students. It so happens that most of the men in the Senior class are already located or are going into the Navy chaplaincy. I trust, however, that there may be men in Seminary who may be interested in Alaska service either now or in the future.

I was interested to hear that Fred Klerekoper is leaving Barrow. Will he be taking a church here in the U.S.A.? I am very happy that Vic Alfson is getting along well and trust that John Thompson may have a good summer in Alaska.

Very cordially yours,

Christy
J. Christy Wilson
Director of Field Work

JCW:er

Alaskan Work
appreciated

March 15, 1945

The Rev. J. Christy Wilson, D.D.
Princeton Theological Seminary
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Christy:

We have been informed that Fred Klerkoper has a tentative appointment under the Board of Foreign Missions to Chile. None of us have very complete records on him and his family, and the Board has not made the appointment final but if all reports come through favorably they would send him there.

I too hope that we may have some men from Princeton for service in Alaska. I would like to cultivate this for the future. We need good men up there and Princeton ought to be able to supply them.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
JEJ:FK

April 23, 1945

The Rev. John Wilson
Box 546
Superior, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

In checking over some correspondence, we note that in the last letter received from you on March 12th you asked that the photo which you sent to our office be returned to you.

We are sorry this was overlooked in the rush of things, and we are therefore enclosing herewith the picture which you referred to.

Mr. Jackman has been in Alaska since March 31st and expects to return about the tenth of May.

Dr. Ralph J. Hall was in our office last week and we had a most delightful visit with him.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Sunday School Missions
FK

Enc. Picture

November 28, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. John Wilson
Superior, Arizona

My dear Mr. Wilson:

A recent letter from Ralph Hall indicates your interest in our Church at Haines, Alaska. This Church is still vacant and needs a Pastor badly. We want one as soon as he can be secured.

There are several things to do at Haines. We need a Pastor of the Church who will serve the people of the community. He will also have some contact and ministry with the army men in Chilkoot Barracks. He ought to have a program of activity for the older boys and girls in cooperation with Haines House. He will have a cooperating relationship with the orphanage there through our forty-five Indian children. If our work at Klukwan, twenty miles north of Haines, can be recovered from the Pentecostal's and we have a woman in residence there the Pastor of Haines will go up occasionally to assist the woman worker and hold communion. There is also a possibility of a large development on the Dalton Highway which runs north from Haines to connect with the Alaskan Highway. This, if it develops, will hold a possibility of service in the construction and maintenance camps along the Highway.

While Haines is a small community now there is plenty of work there to be done which will demand the best in any minister and it has the future possibility of a greater work.

We are enclosing a preliminary information form and would ask you to complete all of the questions as soon as possible and return it to us. We shall then follow up your references looking forward to the possibility of an appointment. There is need of haste so far as Haines is concerned but we always want to be sure that a minister will fit his congregation and field of work and that he and the people will be happy together. Let us hear from you as soon as convenient.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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UNIT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS AND ALASKA
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

*Please return to
Oscar T. Jones*

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM

Date Dec. 5, 1944

1. Name John — Wilson
First Middle Last
2. Present Address Box 546, Superior, Arizona
3. Present occupation Presbyterian minister
4. Present citizenship British Race white
If naturalized, when and where?
Nationality of parents British
5. Birthplace Northern Ireland Date of Birth March 23, 1892 or 93
6. You are: Single Engaged Married Divorced Widowed

Wife's maiden name Lingabell McKillen
Date of Birth Aug 11, 1893 Health good
Date of Marriage 1926 Jan. 10,

If you have children give name and birthdate of each:

We have no descendants, two children, both married
Wm H. Wilson, Magma Avenue, Superior, Ariz.
Mrs. Nicholas F. Rachal, Yuma Air Base
Yuma, Arizona.

7. Is your health vigorous, fair, or poor? Good Height 5'8 Weight 165 lbs
Do you have any chronic ailment? no Any physical disability? no
If so, specify _____

List any serious illnesses you have had, giving dates Just a severe
cold of few days duration 1940

8. Do you have any debt? no Amount? _____
Is there any situation which affects the economic condition of the family? no

9. Preparation for Service:

Name of Institution

Year Graduated

Degree

High School Preparatory work taken in Belfast Ireland
 College do not have degree of B.A., but rated as equivalent by Omaha Pres.
 Seminary Omaha
 Special Courses 1931

10. What are your favorite forms of recreation? when wood craft is my hobby, I also regard it as a form of recreation, but enjoy games, books, fishing some

11. When did you first unite with the church? at the age of 20

12. What part have you taken in the work of the church or other religious organizations? Describe in some detail, noting if the experiences were with city, town, or country groups as pastor, country churches, town churches

present pastorates, Superior, First Pres. Ray Methodist, Both mining towns

13. What does Jesus Christ mean to you personally? a lesson from the power of sin and sin's condemnation.

14. In what ways have you helped others to a personal commitment to Jesus Christ?

constancy, friendship and Christian testimony

15. What influences led you to consider missionary service? "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel"

What is the purpose of your ministry? To extend God's kingdom, & to help men to know that that Kingdom of God is within them

What is your attitude toward people? Potential disciples & workers for the Lord. This may not be an attitude exactly, but this is how I feel toward them

16. What type of work do you wish to do? Regular pastoral work, or as Board directs

17. What experience and special training not listed under academic education have you had in the type of work which you prefer to do? Include field work, employment, and most significant voluntary activity Journal & Session

Have enlarged our Superior church program, which now Conference work includes the town of Ray. This was begun a year ago

18. In what section of the country do you prefer to work? This application is
 Why do you prefer that section? I understand it is for Alaska,

Haines town.

19. Previous service in the church (Place and length):

Nebraska 3 years, Aragon 5 years
Arizona 6 years and two years of student
pastoring while in Omaha Seminary. First year of
Seminary being devoted entirely to study.

20. What is the strength of your ministry? (Be honest - not too modest or too boastful)

Strong Points: Theological, my belief that the word of
God is the only infallible rule of faith

Things hard to do: To take judicial proceedings against
an erring brother.

21. What is your home church? Supervision Community (Pres.)

22. When did you enter the Pension Plan? 39-40

23. Is any other member of your family serving in the Presbyterian Church?

Give name and location: Two Brothers, elders, one, Presby. of Canada, one, United Ch. of Can.
Both live in Toronto, Canada.

24. Give names and addresses of three persons to whom the Board can write for further information about you.

Mr. Alvin Bickel, Springerville, Arizona

Dr. Harvey A. Hood, Desert Mission, Phoenix, Arizona

Rev. Wm M. Ott, 606 Ridgeway Drive, Albuquerque, N.M.

Signature John Wilson.

25. Do you use tobacco in any form? no
26. Are you willing to refrain from its use while on the mission field? _____
27. Do you use alcoholic beverages in any form? no
28. Do you consider yourself a fundamentalist _____, Conservative or Liberal _____ in Theology? Conservative
29. Can you accommodate yourself to primitive living conditions? I accommodate myself by improving the conditions where possible
30. Do you play the piano or organ? no
31. Can you lead in group singing? _____
32. List the names and addresses of nearest relatives who usually know where you are: Mr. Hubert Wilson, Superior, Ariz. son.
Husband: James Wilson 99 Venue Park Blvd., Toronto Canada Brother
relative address relationship
- Wife: Mrs. James Caldwell, Glenelg, 60 Antrim Island Sister,
relative address relationship
- Elizabeth Rachel, Yuma, Arizona, daughter
33. Please enclose a photograph of yourself.

Rev. Claude L. Morton
December 13, 1944

The Rev. Claude L. Morton
2012 No. Twenty Third
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Claude:

The Rev. John Wilson of Superior Arizona has indicated his interest in serving our Church at Haines, Alaska. We are seeking information about him and we would appreciate anything good, bad, or indifferent which you can tell us.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
JEJ:FK
Unit of Work in Alaska

*To Mr. John Wilson
Alaska Agent*

December 13, 1944

The Rev. E. Ross Cleeland
Box 111
Wickenburg, Arizona

My dear Mr. Cleland:

The Rev. John Wilson of Superior, Arizona has indicated an interest in our Church at Haines, Alaska. We need a pastor for the Haines Church rather badly but we want to be sure of the kind of men whom we send up there. Can you give us a broad picture of his abilities as a preacher and pastor and his ability with people?

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

DEC 21 1944

TO Dr. Jackman
FROM A.L. Roberts
RE:

DATE 12/20/44

We checked the references on John Wilson immediately upon receipt of your memorandum. It so happens that I met Mr. and Mrs. Wilson recently on a visit to Superior, Arizona. They are very pleasant people. Mr. Wilson had just completed renovation of the kitchen in the Presbyterian manse in Superior and it is a display of excellent workmanship. I know very little of content of his message or of his effectiveness as a pastor. I would judge him to be dependable in the performance of duty but with limited imagination and creativeness. I shall be interested to see the reports from Dr. Hood and Dr. Orr. We are returning herewith the preliminary information form as I presume you would like to hold it in your office for reference purposes until the dossier is completed and the disposition of the application made.


A. L. Roberts

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Re
John Wilson
John Wilson
Presbyterian Sunday School Missions

2012 North Twenty Third Place,
Phoenix, Arizona,
December 28, 1944.

Reverend J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, 10, New York.

Dear Earl:

The Reverend John Wilson is a good man. He works quietly and slowly, but continues to plod ahead. He and his wife have done a very fine work at Superior. I don't believe that you would be disappointed in him. He has handled a difficult field in a very fine way. The Sunday school and congregation have been held together. The manse and church properties have both been greatly improved under his leadership.

Very sincerely,

Claude

Sunday School Missionaries of the Board of National Missions

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Rev. Owen L. Bovier, Box 111, Shoshoni
Rev. Ray Cornwell, Box 492, Gillette

January 8, 1945

The Rev. John Wilson
Superior, Arizona

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Mr. Jackman left the office last Friday for an extended itinerary to the West Coast which will bring him to Phoenix, Arizona on the 27th of this month. He would like very much to see you and Mrs. Wilson in Phoenix on that day to talk about our ministry at Haines, Alaska. Mr. Jackman plans to be in Phoenix just the one day - arriving at 8:10 A.M. and leaving on the 10:05 P.M. train. We sincerely hope it will be possible for you to meet with Mr. Jackman for this conference.

Cordially yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary

Unit of Work in Alaska

Enc. Conditions of Service in Alaska
and Our Alaskan Ministry

MAR 12 1945

The Superior Community Church

REV. JOHN WILSON, PASTOR

SUPERIOR, ARIZONA

Alaska Appeal

March 8, 1945.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I trust I have not wearied your patience in not writing sooner. It has not been possible for me to give you a definite answer, nor is it, even now. As you will recall, our daughter and her little baby came to us rather unexpectedly, and it has upset our plans to some extent. Her husband is now at the port of embarkation, but whether he will be sent overseas, we do not know. If he goes overseas, Elizabeth will remain with us for the duration. If he is assigned to a home base, she will probably go to him, that is, if living accommodations are available.

If her husband goes overseas, I believe she would be willing to go with us to Alaska if at Haines, she could secure suitable employment. She does general office work, typing, dictation, filing, knows the operation of the various, and different machines, also switchboard.

This is not a ~~definite~~ answer, but if we are wanted in Alaska, God will make our way clear. As I see it, to be in the will of God is the most important thing in life, for only as we are in his will, shall we find happiness in our work.

P.S. When you write will you please return the photo I sent to the New York Office.

Sincerely yours
John Wilson.

CONFIDENTIAL

The Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

EVERETT B. KING

To ~~JWM SOMERDALE~~, D.D., Secretary for Sunday School Missions

Questions concerning the Application of Raymond L. Wotring
for appointment as Sunday School Missionary for the Presbytery
of Alaska

NOTE 1.—Answers to questions 1 to 21 should be written by the applicant.

1 Your full name and P. O. address?

Raymond Luther Wotring, 103 Woodland Avenue
San Anselmo, California Cottage No. 8.

2 Nationality American Age 27 Present employment Student

3 How long have you been a professing Christian? Of what church are you a member?
15 years. I am a member of the Whitworth Presbyterian Church
at Spokane, Washington.

4 What educational advantages have you had? Common School, Academic, College, Seminary?
I am now enrolled in my Senior Year at Seminary.

5 Have you taken any special course of training for Sunday school or other forms of religious educational work?
I have taken the regular course for the B. D. Degree.

6 Name institutions in which such courses were taken.
San Francisco Theological Seminary.

7 Are you familiar with our Church's program of religious education?
Yes.

8 What experience have you had in young people's work?

I have worked with the young people during the past two years in the two Mission Churches under my care in San Francisco Presbytery.

9 Have you ever conducted a Vacation Bible School?

Yes. A good many of them.

10 In what other forms of Christian service have you engaged, and where? I have served on Gospel teams during College, as Student Pastor during my last year of College, as Student Pastor for the past two years at Seminary, under Dr. W. Clyde Smith, Executive of San Francisco Presbytery.

11 What experience have you had in

(a) evangelistic preaching? The above Christian service has been largely evangelistic preaching and

(b) personal evangelism? personal evangelism. My churches while here at the Seminary have been 'soil breaking' work.

12 Married or single?

Married

Number and ages of children, if any?

None

13 What part have you taken in Sunday school work?

(a) In your own church. Teacher ever since High School.

(b) In city, county or state organizations. None

In my student work I have full charge of two Sunday Schools.

14 What credits have you received in the Standard Leadership Training Course?

None

15 Can you provide yourself with a means of conveyance?

That depends on government regulation.

16 Is it your earnest desire to engage in this work permanently or only for a temporary period?

I desire to engage in this work permanently if the Lord so wills it.

17 What is the condition of your physical health? Excellent

(Please state time of last illness, the nature of the disease and the length of time you were incapacitated.)
No serious illness since childhood. I have lost about four days in the last three years due to slight colds and influenza.

18 When could you begin work if appointed?

May 15, 1943

19 In what State or States would you prefer to labor?

Alaska

20 Do you understand that the work of the Sunday School Missionary requires frequent and extended absences from the family circle, and are you willing to be absent from home for periods of one, two, or three weeks at a time, as may be necessary?

Yes.

21 Give names and addresses of five persons who may be used as references. (At least three should be Presbyterian ministers.) Dr. James W. Countermeine, 614 Park Place, Spokane, Wash.
Miss Marion R. Jenkins, Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington.
Dr. Jesse H. Baird, San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, Calif.
Dr. W. Clyde Smith, 228 McAllister Street, San Francisco, Calif.
Dr. Howard Thomas, Commercial Bank Bldg., Wenatchee, Washington

NOTE 2.—Answers to questions 22 to 38 should be written by a person acquainted with the applicant's character and abilities.

22 How long have you been acquainted with the applicant?

About 4 years.

23 From your knowledge of the requirements of modern Sunday school work, do you consider the applicant adapted by ability and temperament to this form of service as a field representative of our denomination?

I am very happy that he has applied for this work. I think he will be suited to it.

24 Has he done any outstanding work in his church or presbytery

(a) as a soul winner?

not outstanding but faithful
and worth while

(b) in Sunday school or other forms of religious educational work?

25 In what ways has the applicant shown energy of character? His consecration to Christ, faithfulness to a task, and ability to master any kind of practical difficulty.

26 What are his abilities as a public speaker or leader of public meetings?

Fair. He has a good mind. But is not yet a very ready speaker.

27 Does he seem to have an intelligent understanding of our Church's program of religious education?

yes.

28 What are his business habits as to system, promptness and devotion to details?

good business man.

29 Is he strictly honest and accurate in financial matters? Is he accurate and reliable in his statements?

yes.

30 Is he tactful, pleasing in manner and of friendly disposition, especially toward strangers?

yes. Very kindly, though not a strong personality.

31 Does he attract children and young people?

Fairly well.

32 Has he been successful as a pastor, in business, or other vocation? Unusually successful in business ventures during college days. Faithful but not outstanding in student pastorates.

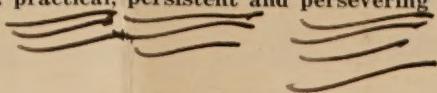
33 Does he possess qualities of leadership such as would inspire others to adopt his suggestions?

I think so. He is not outstanding but to keep contact with isolated peoples he would be faithful, resourceful

34 Is there anything unfavorable in his past record?

Not that I know of.
I feel sure there is not.

35 Is he of a practical, persistent and persevering temperament?



Yes 167

36 Is he careful and cleanly in his dress and habits?

always been too poor to have many clothes.

37 In your observations of him and his work what characteristics or attainments of the applicant have impressed you most forcibly?

38 What are the brother's defects? That is, what habits or peculiarities have you observed which might weaken his influence and interfere with his success as a Sunday School Missionary? (Please answer this fully.)

He is not flashy just a good, faithful, plodding farmer boy from eastern Washington. Not handsome, though he has a beautiful wife.

NOTE 3.—The answers to all these questions should be frankly given and will be strictly regarded as confidential and for the use of this Board alone.

(Signed)

Jesse H. Baird
Name of person answering above questions
President of
San Francisco
Theological Seminary.

Member of Presbyterial or Synodical Committee
on National Missions

NOTE—Any credentials which the candidate may desire to submit should be enclosed with this application.